

State of South Dakota Office of the Governor

Whereas, South Dakota was founded with hard work, perseverance, dedication to duty, and concern for others, and each of these attributes can be ascribed to Gary Larson, who will be retiring from the South Dakota Bureau of Information and Telecommunications (BIT) after serving the state for over 42 years; and,

Whereas, On February 9, 1973, Gary began his career in state government as a Data Clerk II, and through the course of 42 years, 13 promotions, being self-taught, and with no formal education in this field, Gary ultimately serves as a Software Engineer III with BIT; and,

Whereas, Throughout Gary's career, he worked on several programs such as Elections, Payroll, Game, Fish, & Parks, Division of Criminal Investigation, Education, and since the early 1980s, Driver License; and,

Whereas, Outside of work, Gary can be found playing a round of golf either on the course or on a pool table at the bowling alley, working on his bowling game, playing poker, or reading a book in his spare time; and,

Whereas, October 23, 2015, Gary will retire to spend more time with his wife, Judy, and family, and to indulge more time in golfing, fishing, traveling, and working on his bucket list; and,

Whereas, It is fitting and proper as Governor to make special note of this outstanding South Dakotan on this momentous occasion:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim October 23, 2015, as

GARY LARSON DAY

in South Dakota, and I join his family, friends, and colleagues in offering him best wishes for a long, healthy, happy, and enjoyable retirement.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Thirteenth Day of October in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Fifteen.

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Shantel Krebs, Secretary of State